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EXHUMED THE BODY.

Officers Will Endeavor to Solve
Fenton Mystery.

WAS MISS MARPLE POISONED

Fenton Much Excited Over the Blanch-
ard Affair—"Dutch" Involved in
Many Escapades—Held in Jail at
Flint.Fenton, Mich., July 21.—By direc-
tion of the sheriff and the prosecuting
attorney, the body of Ella Marple, spin-
ster, fifty years or a little over, who,
it is surmised, may have been dosed
with poison the few days before she
died last May at "Dutch" Blanchard's
dilapidated cottage in this village, has
been taken up so the contents of the
stomach can be analyzed.Blanchard is now in the county jail
at Flint, and so is Lela Cosselman,
who was but eight years old when
she was but eight years old when
"Dutch" so it is told, eloped with
Ella Marple, twenty-one years ago,
and who for the past decade or so
has been known as Mrs. "Dutch"
Blanchard. "Dutch" and Lela are
held on the specific charge of there
having been no marriage ceremony, al-
though something with a greater pen-
alty may be laid against them.Fenton's Great Mystery.
It is the densest mystery Fenton
has had in years. "Dutch" Blanchard
and the Cosselman woman ran the
cottage. The spinster, about whose
death ugly reports are circulating,
was there only irregularly after the
younger woman grew up. Shortly after
the spinster's death two months ago,
a girl of fifteen, who says she has
been told that she is Lela Cossel-
man's sister, but doubts it because
she doesn't look like Lela, was sent
here from Gloverville, N. Y., as an
alternative to being committed to a
public institution. Annie Cosselman
is this girl's name, and she was to
live with Blanchard and the Cossel-
man woman.She is big for her years and cer-
tainly knows how to talk. It is the
things she talked which set the au-
thorities investigating and their investi-
gations have already developed a
somewhat remarkable case.The beginning was the elopement
of Blanchard and Ella Marple, twenty-
one years ago. Ella was the daughter
of George Marple, a former whose
possessions included over 100 acres of
land. They took \$500 of the old man's
money and came to Fenton. They
were here but a few months and then
returned to Johnston, N. Y. In the
meanwhile the old father, to punish
Ella for her escapade, made over all
of his property to another daughter.Return to Fenton.
The daughter who got the property
died soon after, and hazy gossip had
it that she might have been poisoned.
Anyhow, Ella finally got all the old
man's possessions, and then she and
"Dutch" again came to Fenton.This time they brought the father
with them, also Lela Cosselman. The
old father died ten years ago at the
age of seventy-two while alone in his
bed in the cottage attic. The state-
ment then was that he choked to
death eating grapes.But strikingly mysterious is the ef-
forts of Blanchard and the Cosselman
woman to make out that it was a
stranger, a Mrs. Helen White, and not
the spinster, who died in the cottage
last May. Both assured the sheriff
and prosecutor when arrested that it
was not the spinster who died, but,
under a sweating process, they finally
admitted that it was.One theory is suggested as a mo-
tive for having it believed that an-
other than the spinster died. So far
as known, she was the only direct
heir to the property her father owned.
Were it known that she was dead,
collateral heirs might go into court
to ascertain where the property was,
if it has not been squandered; but so
long as her death was not proven, the
present possessors, even if they hold
it unlawfully, might continue in pos-
session for an indefinite period.Annie Cosselman, the talking young-
er sister, says Blanchard and the older
woman told her the spinster's
ghost was in the cottage cellar, and
that there was one room in the cot-
tage which she was not permitted to
enter, but in which there were blood-
spots. The sheriff could not find this
room, or spots.The cottage is packed full of a con-
glomeration of old clothes, furniture,
etc. The sheriff estimates that there
is two carloads, including something
like twenty trunks. Among things
found and held for evidence is a bottle
of carbolic acid.What the authorities believe is of
particular importance to learn is who
now has old Mr. Marple's property,
which may have amounted to as much
as \$10,000.

Train Kills Farmer.

Milan, Mich., July 20.—Charles
Crittendon, sixty-three years old, a
farmer living four miles west of here,
was struck by a Wabash passenger
train running between Montpelier
and Detroit and instantly killed. Crit-
tendon was returning to his home,
walking along the railroad tracks.
When about a mile west of here, the
train bore down on him and tossed
him into the ditch.

TOTAL A MILLION.

Estimated Liabilities of Cameron Cur-
rie & Co. Reach High Figure.
Detroit, Mich., July 20.—Cameron
Currie & Co.'s affairs, now in the
hands of Fred G. Austin, who was ap-
pointed receiver by Judge Mandell,
are receiving careful attention. The
estimated liabilities of the firm are
\$1,000,000. Of this about \$500,000 is
due the banks and trust companies
with which Mr. Currie did business.These accounts are secured by ample
collateral, being loans incurred in the
usual course of brokerage business.
There is on the books of the firm
approximately \$1,045,000 due from
customers. Besides these assets there
are Mr. Currie's seat on the New
York stock exchange, worth in the
neighborhood of \$75,000, and his seats
on the New York produce exchange,
Boston stock exchange, Chicago stock
exchange and Chicago board of trade.Should the receiver be able to col-
lect all the sums due Cameron Currie
& Co., Mr. Currie would come out
of the failure with a comfortable for-
tune, but it is believed that not more
than 50 or 60 per cent at the outside
can be realized. This would protect
the creditors of Mr. Currie, but would
leave him penniless.The receivership was brought about
as the result of a friendly suit started
against Louis H. Case, charging Mr.
Case with carelessness in handling the
affairs of the firm in not requiring cus-
tomers to put up sufficient cash to
carry their deals, thereby creating
bad accounts. This step was neces-
sary to obtain a receivership and
avoid bankruptcy proceedings.

LAID TO REST.

Ten Thousand People Attended Fu-
neral of Judge McCurdy.Corunna, Mich., July 20.—The fu-
neral of Judge Hugh McCurdy Sunday
afternoon was the greatest Masonic
event in the history of Shiawassee
county. Fully 10,000 people attended
the services, which were held in Mc-
Curdy park casino, a short distance
from the McCurdy home. Corunna
commandery, Knights Templars, of
which he was a member, had 100
swords in line. The two Detroit com-
manderies, No. 1 and Damascus; Flint,
Fenton and St. Johns brought the
number of knights in line up to 350,
while there were 400 blue lodge Mas-
ons from Owosso and Corunna and
Hugh McCurdy lodge of New Lathrop.The officers of the grand command-
ery, Knights Templars of Michigan
grand chapter, Royal Arch Masons
and the grand lodge, No. 1, F. & A. M.,
and a delegation of thirty from the
Michigan Sovereign consistory of De-
troit were also in the procession.
There were fifteen thirty-third degree
Masons present, the largest number
ever assembled at one time.
Eminent Grand Commander Cole-
man of Kalamazoo, head of the
Knights Templar of Michigan, pro-
nounced the eulogy, and Rev. Carlos
H. Hanks pastor of the Congrega-
tional church of Owosso had charge
of the religious part of the ceremony.
Mr. McCurdy's remains were interred
in Pine Tree cemetery, Corunna, by
the side of other members of his fam-
ily.

BURIED TOGETHER.

Old Man Died When Wife's Funeral

Was About to Begin.
Midland, Mich., July 21.—In the
Methodist church here today was
held the double funeral of Mr. and
Mrs. John S. Smith. While watching
the hearse bearing the remains of his
wife approach him, standing in the
front yard of Mrs. Hiram Hicks, his
daughter, Mr. Smith, who was eighty
years old, suddenly threw both arms
in the air and fell groaning to the
ground. By the time help reached
his side, he was dead.Mrs. Smith was seventy-eight years
old. The shock of losing his life part-
ner and the excitement attendant on
the funeral is believed to have caused
the old man's death. The funeral ar-
rangements for the burial of Mrs.
Smith were then altered, and both old
people were interred together today.

Back to Prison: Bride Jailed.

Kalamazoo, Mich., July 20.—Noble
Cummings, released from Jackson
prison on parole, has been taken back
to that institution. Cummings vio-
lated his parole upon being released
by getting married and also intoxica-
ted with his bride. He will now have
to serve his remaining term of twenty-
six months. His bride also reposes
in a cell in the city jail on a charge
of drunkenness.McCurdy's Funeral Sunday.
Corunna, Mich., July 18.—The fu-
neral services of Judge Hugh Mc-
Curdy will be held at 1:30 Sunday
afternoon under the auspices of the
Michigan grand commandery.Glazier Building to Be Sold.
Ann Arbor, Mich., July 21.—The De-
troit Trust company has been given a
decree by which it is empowered to
foreclose a mortgage on the Glazier
building, property of the former state
treasurer, here, and sell it within six-
ty days.

Church Has a Jubilee.

Lapeer, Mich., July 21.—The dia-
mond jubilee of the First Presbyterian
church is being held this week. There
are about twenty-five people present
who were connected with the First
Presbyterian church in its earliest
years.NIAGARA FALLS EXCURSION.
THURSDAY, AUGUST 6The Ann Arbor Ry. will run its an-
nual excursion to Niagara Falls, Toron-
to, Montreal, Alexander Bay and Que-
bec Thursday, August 6. Special train
will leave Alma at 7:30 a. m. Fare for
round trip to Niagara Falls \$6.25. To
Toronto the fare will be \$1.50 more, to
Alexander Bay \$7.10, to Montreal \$10.65
to Quebec \$14.90 higher than to Niagara
Falls.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

Miss Myrtle Lewis who does hair
dressing, manicuring, shampooing,
clipping, ditch cut for children, facial
and scalp massage, together with elec-
tric treatments, wishes to announce
that she is at the services of the ladies
of Alma everyday in the week, but
Saturday and Sunday. And will com-
mencing next Tuesday and continuing
four days sell \$2.00 worth of tickets for
\$1.50 for \$4.00 tickets for \$3.00. All
work guaranteed; Office hours 7 to 8
a. m. and 7 to 8 p. m. at 502 West Su-
perior street. Union telephone 267.

HOSPITAL NOTES.

Charles Smith, of Bay City, who was
brought in with a broken thigh two
weeks ago, will soon be on crutches.R. L. Ross, butter-maker, is improv-
ing satisfactorily, after a week's treat-
ment in the hospital.Mrs. VanVleet, Dr. Brainerd's sister,
returned to her home in Durand Tues-
day, greatly improved in health.Mrs. Ada Harman, of Chattanooga,
Tenn., mother of Mrs. J. M. Wolfe,
was thrown from a carriage while rid-
ing in St. Louis, last Thursday and
suffered a dislocation of the left hip
and the right shoulder. She is in the
hospital, under Dr. Day's care.George Myers was operated on for ap-
pendicitis last Friday. All indica-
tions are favorable for an early re-
covery.Reed Lettmer underwent an imputa-
tion of the right foot last Saturday for
gangrene from which he has been
suffering for two months. Although
75 years old and in poor health he
took the anesthetic splendidly and
suffered no shock from the amputa-
tion. The outlook is encouraging.The senior Mrs. Dennis, living near
the Davis school house, entered the
hospital Tuesday for treatment.

NO DESIRE TO CATCH HER

Congressman Diekenma is noted for
the brightness and aptness of his re-
torts. Recently in a case a woman
was very refractory under cross-ex-
amination, and although the lawyer
used all politeness and mildness, sharp
and unsatisfactory replies were re-
ceived. Her meek and humble husband
was present in court. Mr. Diekenma
tried another innocent question, when
the lady responded with vindictive fire
flashing from her eyes: "Mr. Lawyer,
you needn't think you can catch me;
no sir, you can't catch me. With his
most pleasing smile Mr. Diekenma re-
sponded: "Madam, I have not the
slightest desire to catch you, and your
husband looks to me as if he was
sorry he had succeeded."A ripple of
laughter went round the court room.
The judge stroked his mustache to hide
a smile, and the errier rapped for or-
der.—Michigan Tradesman.

EDITOR'S DAY AT STATE FAIR

After a conference with several re-
presentative up state newspaper editors
and management to the Michigan state
fair has fixed Tuesday, Sept. 8, Edi-
tors' day fair. George T. Campbell
of the Owosso Argus, Geo. H. Mitchell
of the Birmingham Eclectic, Milo
Whittaker of the Jackson Patriot and
Daniel Dyer of the Caseville Critic for
the committee which will have charge
of the affair on behalf of the editors.
Mr. Dyer is given credit for originat-
ing the idea. The editors will be
provided with box seats together for
the races in the afternoon and the fire
works in the evening and will be the
guests of the fair management at
dinner between. President Postal and
Business Manager Slocum will chape-
rone the editorial party between times
and see that they see the whole show,
from the agricultural exhibits to the
sideshows on the midway.

AUTOMOBILE CLUB.

Last Friday evening several auto-
mobile owner of this city, met at the
city hall and organized an Auto Club.
G. S. Ward was elected president, Dr.
J. N. Day, vice president and William
Youngs secretary. The officers were
instructed to meet as a committee and
draw up a set of bylaws and regula-
tions to be submitted later. The plan
of the club will be to promote good
roads, eliminate all possible danger of
automobile accidents and assist in en-
forcing the motor laws. By so organ-
izing the club will endeavor to buy
its supplies and materials used in the
name of the club and get the club
discounts allowed by dealers.

THE OKLAHOMA WAY.

An Associated Press dispatch of last
Friday said: "Just at dusk Sheriff Rie-
ley and three deputies from Nowata,
Okla., after confiscating ten barrels of
beer for evidence and arresting the
proprietors, set fire to and completely
destroyed a 'road-house and saloon
erected just over the Oklahoma line a
few days ago. The action of the sher-
iff was taken in response to his instruc-
tions to 'carry out the application of
the new 'Billups liquor law of Okla-
homa; which orders that all saloons or
places of the sort shall be 'destroyed
upon discovery.'"Cheapest "accident insurance Dr.
Thomas' Electric Oil. Stops the pains
and heals the wound. All druggists
sell it.WANTED—Every person in the en-
tire county to attend McCullough &
Son's sale

MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS.

Adopted in honor of our deceased
brother, Calvin W. Courter, by Alma
Lodge, No. 344 F. A. M.Whereas, it has pleased Divine
Providence to remove our beloved
brother and friend, Calvin W. Courter,
andWhereas, this lodge consider it to
be due to the memory of Brother
Courter to place on record the expres-
sions of regret and sadness over his
demise, therefore,Be It Resolved, That in the death of
Brother Courter, this lodge has lost a
true and faithful brother, one who by
his pleasing disposition was ever
ready to bring comfort and cheer to
the afflicted and distressed, a friend of
the old and young alike. His familiar
form will be missed in the lodge as
well as out of it, and it is sad to
think that we of the Masonic Brother-
hood shall clasp no more his hand in
friendship and in love. We treasure
his memory in our heart, we commend
his spirit to God who gave it. We
extend our sincere sympathy to his be-
loved family.Further Resolved, That these resolu-
tions of respect to the memory of our
deceased brother, be spread upon the
memorial book of this lodge, that the
charter and great lights be draped in
mourning for a period of thirty days,
that a copy of these resolutions be
printed in the Alma Record and Alma
Journal and that a like copy be sent to
the bereaved family.M. Pollaksky,
Dr. J. N. Day, Com.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Eugene Rikel, of Corunna, Sundayed
with friends in this city.C. Hellis and wife of Ithaca were vis-
itors in the city Sunday.W. D. Irland, of Detroit, visited with
friends in the city Sunday.E. Halliwell, of Sumner, was a busi-
ness visitor in Alma Monday.P. Wonders, of Ithaca was transact-
ing business in our city Monday.M. J. McPhee, our city tailor was in
Riverdale Tuesday on business.H. Kellogg, of Mt. Pleasant, was a
business caller in the city Monday.Mrs. R. Graham spent Monday and
Tuesday with friends in Shenherd.J. P. French, of Shenherd was a
Monday business visitor in the city.John Fafty was a caller in the city
of Mt. Pleasant Tuesday afternoon on
business.Mrs. E. Briggs and son, of Ashley,
were guests of E. Fozle and wife in
this city yesterday.Mrs. C. R. Gibson returned to her
home in Ithaca Tuesday afternoon,
after a short visit with friends in this
city.For your lunch try Gray's pies,
cookies or sandwiches. Best milk in
Gratiot county. Always on hand, 212 1/2
East Superior street.D. Packard and wife returned Tues-
day morning from a several days' visit
with relatives in Saginaw.Misses Harriet and Laura Soule left
Tuesday afternoon for a couple weeks'
visit with their brother in Flint.Mrs. M. M. Baner and son Harold,
left Monday evening for a few days'
visit with friend and relatives in
Forest Hill and Gilmore.L. A. Diamond and wife of Jackson
arrived in the city Tuesday, for a ten
days' visit with the latter's parents,
Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Lyons.Elmer Keeler returned to his home
in Youngstown Ohio, Friday morning
after a week's visit at the home of Mr.
and Mrs. Eli Oswald in this city.Mrs. Laura Stephens returned to her
home in Salem Friday morning after
a week's visit at the home of her
aunt, Mrs. H. Lewis, in this city.Major A. H. Gansser, of Bay City,
was a pleasant visitor in our city Fri-
day. Mr. Gansser is commanding
officer of the Michigan National
Guards.Albert Groat, a blacksmith, of St.
Louis was arrested Thursday afternoon
by Marshal Elmer Sprague for being
drunk on the street. He was taken be-
fore Justice John Spinney Friday
morning and fined \$5.00 including costs.Miss Winifred Tripp left Tuesday for
a couple weeks' visit with relatives
and friends in Marinette, Wis. She
was accompanied by Mrs. May Beeson,
a cousin, who has been spending the
summer with her in this city.Prof. A. Cook returned home Satur-
day after an outing covering nearly
three weeks. During his absence Mr.
Cook attended the N. E. A. at
Cleveland, visited at Chautauqua and
spent some time at Hudson and other
Ohio cities. While at Cleveland he
met his son Maynard, who is sailing
on the steamer Richardson during his
school vacation, and his father reports
him in love with his position. Miss
Helen Cook is at Chautauqua attending
the summer school, fitting herself for
the duties of librarian at the college
next year.An effort is being made to start a
band in Alma. There is more than a
sufficient number of musicians here in
Alma to carry out such a project and
the plan ought to succeed. The Re-
cord man has interviewed several of
the business men and all of them ex-
pressed themselves as favorable to the
idea and willing to contribute to start
a good band. There would be plenty
of work for a band this fall, and the
money that will be spent for outside
bands would go a long way toward
keeping one up here at home. A meet-
ing will be called next week to con-
sider the matter.James Kross transacted legal business
in the city of Ithaca Monday.P. W. Cresser and wife visited with
relatives and friends in Ithaca Monday
afternoon.Mrs. John Swartz returned Monday
evening from an extended visit in
Brooklyn.Mrs. James Galvin, of Mt. Pleasant,
called on relatives and friends in the
city Monday.For good bananas and fruits of all
kinds call on Luchini Bros Fruit store
on State street.Save money by attending the only
Genuine Overstock Money Raising
sale. McCullough & Son, x x xMiss Maude Hurst and J. Richards,
of St. Louis called on Miss Lavina
Welch in this city Monday.You want the cash. We want the
rags, metal, rubbers, etc. We give
you cash for them. Berman Bros. xFOUND—A yellow lap robe. Finder
can have same by calling at Record
office and paying for this ad and ten
cents for little girl who found it. xFresh Roasted Peanuts, ten cents a
pound. They make the best peanut
butter. Luchini Bros Fruit store. xMr. and Mrs. E. C. Clapp left yester-
day morning for a two weeks' visit
with relatives and friends in Harrison.W. Morrison of Bannister, spent
Monday in this city a guest at the
home of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Dever-
aux.Mrs. J. W. Morton, living four miles
west of Alma, left Monday evening for
a two weeks' visit with her daughter
Marquette.Mrs. Ed Jobson, of Flint, arrived
Saturday for a few days' visit at the
home of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Taylor
in this city.The Ladies Union of the Baptist
church will hold its regular meeting
with Mrs. Walton, 616 State street Fri-
day July 24.Every little bit helps. The money
tied up in your old rags, rubbers, metal
is worth saving. Cash them in with
us Berman Bros. xGeorge Meyers was operated on for
appendicitis at the Brainerd Hospital
in this city Friday. The patient is
recovering nicely.J. M. Wheaton and son will sell eight-
inch plain face cement blocks for ten
cents cash for one week, commencing
Monday, July 20th.Clarence Chandler and Malcom
Smith left Tuesday morning for a few
days' visit at the home of the former's
grandparents in Ovid.It's pennies that make the dollars.
The pennies you get from Berman Bros
for old rags, rubbers and metal will
help make many dollars.Mr. and Mrs. Carl Washburn and
Miss Alberta Dunham are at Luding-
ton this week attending the state con-
vention of the Epworth League.Is your husband out of sorts this hot
weather? Nothing will restore his good
nature like the bread you can make
with the Famous Alma Bread Flour. xWANTED—Furnished rooms for
light housekeeping. Ground floor four
rooms or more preferred. References
furnished. No children. Inquire at
this office.Mrs. B. Amsden returned to her
home in Ludington Tuesday morning
after a week's visit at the home of
her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Carmer
in this city.Mrs. S. C. Cowdrey left Friday morn-
ing for a month's visit with her
daughter in Union City, Ind. She will
also visit friends in Dayton, Ohio, be-
fore her return.Mrs. J. T. Lameasure returned to
her home in Detroit Monday after-
noon, after a two weeks' visit at the
home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.
F. Sartor in this city.Ralph Wheaton is taking a week's
vacation from his duties as clerk in
the Central Drug Store. He left Mon-
day for a few days' visit with friends
in Saginaw and Detroit.Mrs. W. C. Edwards and children, of
Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina, ar-
rived in the city this week for an ex-
tended visit at the home of her
parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Ward.The annual meeting of the Alma
Building and Loan Association was held
Monday evening. The following board
of officers were re-elected: President,
E. A. Bagley; Vice President, C. L.
Delcavan; Secretary, P. M. Smith; Treas-
urer, G. S. Ward; Attorney W. A.
Bahlke. The company has enjoyed a
prosperous year and is looking forward
to a still better one in the next twelve
months.The Alma baseball team has chal-
lenged the St. Louis team to a return
match for the one played there July 4.
A similar purse of \$80 will be put for
the winners and the boys propose to go
out and get it. The defeat at St. Louis
did not set very well with some of the
Alma boys and the opportunity to play
a return game will be welcomed. St.
Louis has a good team, and if they
are to be beaten, the local team must
play good ball. The team would also
like to arrange matches with other
outside teams.G. H. Bansil and J. T. Swartz have
combined their real estate loan and
insurance business under the firm name
of Bansil and Swartz. They will oc-
cupy offices in the Opera House block
in the suite formerly used by Mr. Swi-
gart. Messrs. Bansil and Swartz are
two of Gratiot county's leading real-
estate dealers and their combining to-
gether will make their office one of the
biggest real estate offices in the coun-
ty. G. H. Bansil has purchased the
Butler property on West Superior
street, now occupied by John Swartz.
Mr. Bansil expects to occupy the house
this fall.

Bargains In Enameled Ware

Your Choice at 39c

One 6-qt Berlin Kettle
One 10-qt Dish or Stew Pan
One 6-qt Preserving Kettle
One 8-qt Preserving Kettle

Your Choice at 49c

One 8-qt Berlin Kettle
One 10-qt Berlin Kettle
One 10-qt Preserving Kettle
One 12-qt Preserving Kettle
One 14-qt Preserving Kettle
One 14-qt Dish or Stew Pan
One 17-qt Dish or Stew Pan

All First Class Selected Double Coated Ware

The Caple Hardware Co.

Miller Bros.

WHERE IT PAYS TO TRADE

LEADERS IN

Fruits and Vegetables,
Staple and Fancy Groceries.

FRUITS

Red and Black Raspberries,
Huckleberries, Cherries,
Peaches, Bananas, Oranges

VEGETABLES

New Cauliflower, Green Peas,
Green Onions, Radishes,
String Beans, Beets, CabbagesNow is the Time for Canning
HuckleberriesPlace your order with us and get the choicest fruit at the
LOWEST PRICESTEDDY BEAR BREAD LIGHT and
WHOLESOME

For Picnics and Lunches

Nice Large Olives, Canned Lobster, Fancy Sardines, Lunch
* Tongue, Roast Beef, Beef Hash,
Potted Ham, Corn Beef, Veal Loaf, Dried Beef, Canned Salmon.

Alma's Greatest Grocery

Both Phones.

Report of the Condition of the

Alma State Savings Bank

at Alma, Mich.